

Dear State and Local Government Committee,

I am writing in opposition to HB 1255. Funding should continue for Prairie Public Broadcasting. I've had public television on in my household for over 40 years. I've been a long time financial sustainer of Prairie Public Broadcasting so I also put my own money into supporting this company. My 3 children grew up watching public television starting with Sesame Street and Barney to Arthur and Where the in World is Carmen San Diego. The educational aspect of public television cannot be underestimated. Now that my husband and I are empty nesters we enjoy programming like All Creatures Great and Small, Antiques Roadshow, all the Masterpiece series and Call the Midwife. Don't let the political divide over abortion rights spill over into cancelling North Dakota's support of the wonderful services and programming coming from Prairie Public.

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